

Thursday, May 22, 2008.

1 o'clock p.m.

Prayers.

Mr. Williams, Member for Kent South, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by residents of the province opposed to uranium prospecting and mining in New Brunswick. (Petition 24)

Ms. Dubé, Member for Edmundston—Saint-Basile, laid upon the table of the House a petition signed by students and teachers at elementary and middle schools in Sunny Brae in the Moncton area who disapprove of uranium mines and who are against uranium mining in New Brunswick. (Petition 25)

The following Bill was introduced and read a first time:

By Mr. Northrup,

Bill 65, *Penobsquis Area Water Trust Fund Act*.

Hon. Mr. Murphy, Government House Leader, announced that following Opposition Members' Business, it was the intention of the government that the House resolve itself into a Committee of Supply to consider the estimates of the Department of Natural Resources, the Department of Supply and Services, Regional Development Corporation and the Department of Finance.

Pursuant to Notice of Motion 75, Mr. Steeves moved, seconded by Mr. Betts:

WHEREAS a clean and healthy environment is an important preoccupation and that clean air and clean water are essential to New Brunswickers' well-being; and

WHEREAS the Minister of Natural Resources has stated that there is a "silent majority" that support uranium exploration in New Brunswick; and

WHEREAS thousands of New Brunswickers have expressed their opposition to uranium exploration in this province through letters, e-mails, phone calls and attendance at public meetings; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the Government to conduct a province-wide referendum on whether or not New Brunswickers want the government to continue allowing the exploration of uranium in the Province of New Brunswick.

And the question being put, a debate ensued.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Kenny, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some time, Mr. Robichaud rose on a point of order and submitted that Hon. Mr. Albert was using a cellular telephone in the Chamber. Mr. Deputy Speaker ruled the point well taken and reminded all Members that the use of cellular phones in the Chamber is not permitted.

And after some further time, Hon. Mr. Arseneault, seconded by the Hon. Mr. Haché, moved in amendment:

AMENDMENT

That Motion 75 be amended by:

Delete the second “Whereas” clause and replace with:

“Whereas the Minister of Natural Resources has stated “we do believe in the process that’s in place to protect the health and safety of the people and environment;” and

In the resolution clause, delete all words after “Government” and replace with “to ensure the people of New Brunswick that no uranium mine or other mine development will be allowed to proceed within New Brunswick unless the government is confident that both the environment and our citizens’ health will not be compromised.”

Mr. Deputy Speaker put the question on the amendment and a debate ensued.

And after some time, Mr. Fraser took the chair as Acting Speaker.

And after some further time, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

And the debate being ended and the question being put, the amendment was resolved in the affirmative on the following recorded division:

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Mr. MacIntyre	Hon. Ms. Schryer	Hon. Mr. Doucet
Hon. V. Boudreau	Hon. Mr. Lamrock	Hon. Mr. Foran
Hon. S. Graham	Hon. Mr. Burke	Hon. Mr. Stiles
Hon. Mr. Murphy	Hon. Mr. Keir	Ms. Lavoie
Hon. Mr. Byrne	Hon. Mr. Albert	Mr. Miles
Hon. Ms. Robichaud	Hon. Mr. Arseneault	Mrs. MacAlpine-Stiles
Hon. Mr. Haché	Mr. A. LeBlanc	Mr. Collins
Hon. D. Landry	Mr. B. LeBlanc	Mr. Fraser
Hon. Mr. McGinley	Mr. Kenny	Mr. Brewer
Hon. Mr. Doherty	Hon. Mr. Ouellette	

## NAYS - 21

Mr. Mockler	Mr. MacDonald	Mr. Alward
Mr. D. Graham	Ms. Blaney	Mr. Fitch
Mr. Volpé	Ms. Poirier	Mr. Betts
Mr. Harrison	Mr. Holder	Mr. Northrup
Mr. Robichaud	Ms. Dubé	Mr. Olscamp
Mr. Ashfield	Mr. Carr	Mr. Urquhart
Mr. Steeves	Mr. Williams	Mr. C. Landry

Mr. Speaker put the question on Motion 75 as amended as follows:

WHEREAS a clean and healthy environment is an important preoccupation and that clean air and clean water are essential to New Brunswickers' well-being; and

Whereas the Minister of Natural Resources has stated "we do believe in the process that's in place to protect the health and safety of the people and environment;" and

WHEREAS thousands of New Brunswickers have expressed their opposition to uranium exploration in this province through letters, e-mails, phone calls and attendance at public meetings; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED that this Legislative Assembly call upon the Government to ensure the people of New Brunswick that no uranium mine or other mine development will be allowed to proceed within New Brunswick unless the government is confident that both the environment and our citizens' health will not be compromised.

And the question being put, Motion 75 as amended was carried.

The Order being read for second reading of Bill 14, *An Act to Amend the Environmental Trust Fund Act*, a debate arose thereon.

And after some time, due to the unavoidable absence of Mr. Speaker, Mr. Fraser, the Deputy Speaker, took the chair as Acting Speaker.

At 6 o'clock p.m., the Deputy Speaker left the chair to resume again at 7 o'clock p.m.

*7 o'clock p.m.*

Mr. Speaker resumed the chair.

The House, according to Order, resolved itself into a Committee of Supply with Mr. Fraser in the chair.

And after some time, Mr. Kenny took the chair.

And after some further time, Mr. Fraser resumed the chair.

And after some further time spent in Committee of Supply, Mr. Speaker resumed the chair, and Mr. Fraser, the Chairman, after requesting that Mr. Speaker revert to Presentations of Committee Reports, reported that the Committee had had under consideration the matters referred to them, had made some progress therein, had passed several items, and asked leave to sit again.

Pursuant to Standing Rule 78.1, Mr. Speaker then put the question on the motion deemed to be before the House, that the report be concurred in, and it was resolved in the affirmative.

The following are the items reported:

MAIN ESTIMATES, 2008 - 2009

ORDINARY ACCOUNT

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$81,412,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2009:

Forest Management.....	42,568,000
Fish and Wildlife Management.....	10,719,000
Minerals Management .....	5,106,000
Corporate Services .....	8,326,000
Land Management and Natural Areas.....	5,199,000
Regional Management .....	8,659,000
First Nations Wood Harvest.....	888,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	53,000
Voted .....	81,412,000

DEPARTMENT OF SUPPLY AND SERVICES

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$109,138,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2009:

Administration .....	2,288,000
General Services .....	8,391,000
Buildings Groups .....	94,754,000
Corporate Information Management Services .....	3,705,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	0
Voted .....	109,138,000

## REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

Resolved, That there be granted to Her Majesty a sum not exceeding \$51,763,000 to defray the expenses of the following program allocations for the fiscal year ending the 31st of March, 2009.

Development Projects and Operations.....	51,763,000
Less amounts authorized by law.....	0
Voted .....	51,763,000

## WORKING CAPITAL – MAXIMUM BALANCES

	2008-2009	Voted
WORKING CAPITAL ADVANCES		
Supply and Services - Algonquin Properties Limited.....		1,500,000
PETTY CASH ADVANCES		
Natural Resources.....		30,000
INVENTORIES		
Natural Resources.....		510,000
Supply and Services.....		2,000,000

The said items were concurred in by the House.

And then 10 o'clock p.m. the House adjourned.

The following documents having been deposited with the Clerk of the House, were deemed laid upon the Table of the House, pursuant to Standing Rule 39:

Documents requested in Notice of Motion 68	May 21, 2008
Department of Energy 2006-2007 Annual Report	May 22, 2008